

Hopkinton Open Space Committee
Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Community Room, Hopkinton Town Library

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Administrative

Attendance: Lucia Kittredge, Ron Klemarczyk, Bob LaPree, Dijit Taylor, Natalie Duval

Minutes from April meeting approve as presented

Dates of next meeting – June 13, Community Room of Hopkinton Town Library

Proposed dates for future meetings: 2nd Wednesdays are July 11, August 8 and September 12 – Dijit to find locations

Committee membership update - Bob doesn't know if he has been appointed yet. Natalie is considering whether this is of interest.

Discussion on priorities

1) Work with Conservation Commission

Maintain land that has been protected:

Mow fields on Beyer and Rollins

Forest management plans?

Wrap up open OSC projects

Beyer CE completed

Bohanan

Improve marking of Corser Hill Loop

Kiosk

Boat access

Nearby trail easement

Increase public access to protected lands:

Trail maintenance on existing trails

Priorities for additional trails

Parking areas: improvements and additions

Beyer first on list

Phase 2 of website – maps of additional conservation lands, when/if cons com is willing to pay for more consultant time

Standard signage for all conservation properties

Bob will draft a design and get cost estimates (Beyer, Rice Rollins, Bermuda Harris, plus other priorities from cons com)

Recruit more workers/ friends of conservation lands

Increase partnership with other groups – recreation committee, greener
Hopkinton, what others

2) Priorities for protection

Discuss process for evaluating and ranking priorities

Secure public access to existing trails: e.g. trail easement to Amesbury Field

Complete Hopkinton Village Greenbelt trail – a high priority because there are
so few missing links – long discussion of how to fill in those links with hopes of
presenting the concept at town meeting 2013

Accessible trail – seek input from Eric S about whether any of them area already
accessible – maybe Houston Fields and Amesbury?

Other ideas (not in any order of priority):

A Contoocook Village Greenbelt

Connection between two villages

Expand or connect existing protected areas

Areas where open space is scarce in town

River frontage

Agricultural lands

Blocks of unfragmented forest

Wetlands/ streams

Wildlife corridors

Protection of water supply; aquifers

Scenic views

Trails, Class 6 Roads, rail bed

The meeting adjourned at 9:20

Respectfully submitted: Dijit Taylor, Recorder

Next regularly scheduled meeting: Wednesday, June13, 2012 at Community Room,
Hopkinton Town Library